

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **S. 650**

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TO:	The Honorable Michael L. Fair, Chairman, Senate Corrections and Penology Committee		
FROM:	Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board		
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SUBJECT:	Sex Offenders - GPS Surveillance		

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

A Cost to the General Fund (See Below)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

BILL SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 650 amends the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 24-21-435 which provides that a Sex Offender who is serving a probationary sentence must be placed under Global Positioning System (GPS) Satellite Surveillance for the duration of the probationary sentence.

EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:

The Department of Probation, Pardon and Parole Services estimates a first year fiscal impact to the General Fund of the State of approximately \$7,359,766 including \$302,036 in non-recurring expenses.

Personal Service costs include \$1,943,400 for salary and fringe benefits for 62.00 additional FTE's, which includes 48.00 agents, 12.00 Data Coordinators and 2.00 Program Managers. The Department indicates that the additional agents are needed because GPS monitoring is more labor intensive than traditional supervision and agents with GPS cases cannot supervise a full case load. Agents with GPS cases will be on call to respond to GPS alerts 24/7. There are currently 1,183 offenders under the Department's jurisdiction which would require GPS monitoring. Due to the intense labor requirements, the Department anticipates that a 25 to 1 ratio of agents to GPS offenders is the minimally acceptable level. The other additional staff is necessary to provide 24/7 centralized statewide monitoring system for the GPS offenders.

Annual other operating costs are estimated at \$5,110,330 of which \$4,296,650 is for the lease of GPS monitoring system devices for 1,183 offenders at \$9.95 a day for 365 days a year. First year non-recurring costs of \$306,036 includes mobile technology equipment associated with the GPS system as well as operating expenses related to the added staff.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:

None.

SPECIAL NOTES:

None.

Approved by:



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